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1. WE BELIEVE BRAZILIAN RESPONSE TO CARTER-GEISEL AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH PROGRAMS OF COOPERATION IN THE AREAS OF ENERGY CONSERVATION, COAL TECHNOLOGY, AND BIOMBASS CONVERSION TO ALCOHOL WOULD SET BACK POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE BY 4-6 MONTHS. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT AN INITIAL SERIES OF EXPERT MEETINGS, EVEN THOUGH THEY WOULD TAKE PLACE WITHOUT FULL AGREEMENT ON GUIDELINES FOR COOPERATION, IS CONSISTENT WITH THE CARTER-GEISEL AGREEMENT, AND WOULD PROVIDE THE NEEDED IDENTIFICATION OF AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND PROJECT POSSIBILITIES TO FORM THE BASIS FOR A
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MUCH MORE PRODUCTIVE MEETING OF THE ENERGY CONSULTATIVE SUBGROUP. IT HAS BEEN OUR EXPERIENCE IN COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER NATIONS THAT IS NOT PRACTICAL TO DISCUSS ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITHOUT A REASONABLE CONCEPTION OF THE SCOPE AND TOTAL ESTIMATED RESOURCES REQUIRED FOR POSSIBLE USEFUL PROJECTS.

2. WE SUGGEST EMBASSY REOPEN QUESTION WITH FOREIGN
MINISTRY USING ABOVE ARGUMENTS. SHOULD BRAZILIANS PERSIST,
WE WOULD AGREE TO HOLD CONSULTATIVE ENERGY SUBGROUP
MEETING THE SECOND HALF OF SEPTEMBER IN WASHINGTON, AS
SUGGESTED. IF THIS APPROACH FOLLOWED, WE WOULD APPRECIATE
RECEIVING EARLY BRAZILIAN INPUT ON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS OR
ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED. VANCE

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